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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 11, of the application with the following paragraph:

The present invention provides a composition comprising

- (a) (i) a quaternary ammonium biocide having the formula  $N^+R^1R^2R^3R^4X^-$  where  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  are independently unsubstituted or hydroxy substituted linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl,  $(CH_2CH_2O)_mCH_2CHCH_3OH$  where m is 1 to 10;  $R^3$  is a substituted or unsubstituted benzyl, ethylbenzyl, methylnapthyl, or linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{22}$  alkyl;  $R^4$  is  $-R^5(O)_n(C_6H_{4[[5]]})R^6$  where n is  $\theta$ - $\theta$ = $\theta$ 1;  $R^5$  is a substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl or  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkoxyalkyl;  $R^6$  is hydrogen or a substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_{12}$  alkyl; and  $X^-$  is an anion, such as chloride, acetate, borate, propionate, carbonate, bicarbonate, or hydroxide,
  - (ii) a polymeric quaternary ammonium biocide, or
  - (iii) a mixture thereof; and
- (b) (i) a ketone acid or salt thereof,
  - (ii) an aromatic carboxylic acid or a salt thereof, or
  - (iii) a mixture thereof.

Preferably, the ketone acid is a cyclic ketone acid. The aforementioned mixtures are synergistic.

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Please replace the paragraph starting on page II, line 24 with the following paragraph:

9 mL of sterile D/E neutralizer broth was added to the test tube and mixed to form a 10<sup>-1</sup> dilution[[,]]. Serial dilutions were prepared through to a 10<sup>-6</sup> dilution with phosphate buffered water. The serial dilutions were plated onto Tryptic Soy Agar and incubated for 2 days at about 35°C. Bacteria counts were performed after 0 and 14 days. The results are shown in Table 1.